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## 'Twin' Performance



No matter how much experience you have, no matter how long you've been flying, no matter how old you are, lots of pilots still don't know..."**More often than not that second engine will provide only a little more time to pick a soft spot.**"

This known fact comes from a 'Safety Program Pamphlet' along with many other pamphlets available, free of charge, on our web site. This particular safety pamphlet is called **"Always Leave Yourself an Out."** Originally printed in 'Business and Commercial Aviation' magazine, and reprinted by the FAA so that you may not make a fatal error in thinking that a second engine is always safer than a single engine aircraft on takeoff.

You can either click on our "Files" page of our web site, then "Safety Program Pamphlets" and see the entire list to choose from, or come by the office for a copy. <http://www.cyberair.com/tower/faa/app/p8740-25/p8740-25.html> will bring up this particular pamphlet. In either case, you have something to gain. Q

## **FSDO FUNNIES**



## **Life Lines to laugh by**

### **Words of Will Rogers**

"If you get to thinking' you're a person of some influence, try ordering' somebody else's dog around."

"After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him...The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut." Q

## **AMT AWARDS GALORE**



Whether you're an A&P mechanic or a student enrolled in an official course of instruction, you can earn an AMT Award. By doing so, you are automatically entered into the contest prize drawing. The grand prize consists of Round

trip tickets from any Delta city (US domestic only) to Hawaii or Grand Cayman or any Delta US city and \$500.00 spending money. Don't miss this chance to be a winner in both cases. Icon above is linked to all the details via our web site. Q

## **"Feedback & your mail"**



This section is dedicated to your feedback & mail. We will award the most ingenious, funny, or most interesting feedback in each issue of Life Lines. Here is our very first winner with a very interesting question.

"I have a question about unlatching the cabin door shortly before an emergency landing touchdown. Is it always correct to do that? We are flying PA28 Archer & Beechcraft F33 Bonanza. Is there an increased risk of stalling the aircraft if the door is opened?"

Sincerely, Niels Jaetzold

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We forwarded your question to the aircraft manufactures and received a response from Scott Tychsen of Raytheon concerning the F33. He stated there is nothing in their P.O.H. regarding the doors but do, in fact, teach students to lock the door open in anticipation of a crash landing. He further stated there is no affect on the stalling speed of the F33 or affect on the structural integrity. Flight Standard's position would be to follow whatever the Pilot Operating Handbook recommends in their emergency procedures section.

As far as an open door affecting the stall speed of an aircraft, an open door can not only cause the stall speed of an aircraft to change, it could cause total loss of control depending on the size of the door and aircraft. An open cargo door on a DC-9 caused the loss of aircraft and crew, according to the [NTSB](#), back in the late eighties. (Click on NTSB above via our web site and read about it).

Thanks for the question. You're our first recipient of our 'feedback reward program.' Q

**Going to the Bahamas  
one more time.**



**October 18-21, 2002 Royal Caribbean's "Majesty of the Seas"** will, once again, be hosting our **"Aire-man" seminar in the Bahamas.** One lucky sailor and their partner will win this weekend cruise as a door prize. Click on "Aire-man Cruise" on our web site for all the details. Don't miss the fun or the chance to be our next "Aire-man."

Don't miss this fun cruise. Only seminar where you can earn while you learn. Imagine winning a ride for two in the Goodyear Blimp or a Lear 55, Champagne for six. It could be yours if you got what it takes to become our next 'Million-Aire-man.' One last note concerning this presentation. If you are unable to make any of our safety seminars, you may view **Who Wants To Be An Aire-man?** from your computer via American Flyers. After doing so, you may take a short quiz and receive credit towards your next phase of the Wings Proficiency Awards Program. See our web site for more details.Q

### **"Operation Raincheck"**



**Runway Markings/Airport Signage**  
**Are you doing your part?**



"Every pilot is part of a larger aviation community, and we need to protect our airports like we watch our own homes and neighborhoods," said Phil Boyer, AOPA president. "We ask all our members to help the government to make sure our airports are safe." Q

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*Check our web site for additional  
"Seminars/meetings" for changes!  
[www.faa.gov/fsdo/fil/so17mtgs.htm](http://www.faa.gov/fsdo/fil/so17mtgs.htm)*

**Oct. 7, (Wed.) 1900 hrs.**  
**Florida Atlantic University**  
1515 W. Commercial Blvd. Room 303  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 330 **"Single Pilot IFR"**  
954-229-4140 FAA/AOPA

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**Oct. 19, (Sat.) 1000 hrs. "Who Wants To Be An Aire-man?"** Royal Caribbean's "Majesty of the Seas"  
**Boarding 1200-1700 Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** Sails from Miami Florida to Nassau & Return **Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 0700 hrs.** Call Cruise Planners™ at **305-971-0719** to book your cabin.

**Nov. 27, (Wed.) 1900 hrs. Ft. Lauderdale Executive Airport Authority (FXE) 6000 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
(Cypress Creek Blvd) Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
954-828-4967

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**Bill L. Weaver**  
Manager of FSDO-17

I'd like to wish you all a joyous holiday season. Keep our military, as well as all our civil service members in your prayers. It's because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our way of life.

And remember to take that extra minute. It could be worth a lifetime. *Bill L. Weaver*

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